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For: INFORMATION GATHERING METHOD AND SYSTEM

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
OF ABANDONMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 27, 2007, Applicants filed an Amendment on February 27, 2008. Following the Advisory Action mailed March 18, 2008, on March 27, 2008, Applicants filed electronically a Request for Continued Examination (see the attached papers evidencing the electronic filing) in order to have the amendment filed on February 27, 2008 entered and considered. The USPTO has charged the RCE fee of \$810.00 to the applicants' representative account on March 28, 2008.

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In view of the good faith of Applicants who filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and were promptly charged for the RCE fee, please reconsider the abandonment and continue prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,
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